

## Message Text

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SA, XF

SUBJECT: ARMS SUPPLY TO ARAB STATES

REF: JIDDA 777

AGREE THAT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH SAUDIS MAY FINANCE  
TRANSFER OF U.S. ARMS TO THIRD COUNTRIES REQUIRE EXAMINA-  
TION. YOUR SPECIFIC PROPOSAL RE U.S.-SAUDI JOINT  
COMMISSION IS IMAGINATIVE AND WE WILL WANT TO GIVE THIS  
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. IN VIEW OF WHAT YOU HAVE REPORTED  
ABOUT SAG'S DESIRE TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THE SECRETARY'S  
DISCUSSIONS IN RIYADH, I WOULD NOT THINK THIS PARTICULAR  
MATTER SHOULD COME UP AT THIS TIME. I HOPE YOU AND I AT  
LEAST CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO CHAT ABOUT THIS SUBJECT IN  
RIYADH.  
VANCE

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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* n/a  
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## Message Attributes

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